

Hello Everyone,

I hope this note finds you well. It's that time of year again, Operation Freedom Bird is looking to collect combat veteran referrals for this year's OFB Healing Journey to Washington DC. There is some information below and as well as the web address to the completely updated. Of interest to you, additionally, will be the "Provider Information" page. There you will find all the information you will need to learn more about the therapeutic goals and what happens on the Journey, who is eligible, and how to apply. You will also find photographs and stories written by veterans who participated in years past. More always being added!

We are, unfortunately, still at the tail end of our fundraising efforts. Though Southwest Airlines graciously donates the flight, we provide the rest. Telling you this to let you know there is a small chance we will need to take fewer veterans than usual.

Please forward this email to any of your colleagues who treat veterans. If you have any questions or want more detail, please don't hesitate to call me directly at [602 334-5147](tel:6023345147).

Regards,

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Operation Freedom Bird by Pat Lynch

Operation Freedom Bird provides a unique healing journey to Arizona's combat veterans, of all wars, giving them an opportunity to confront their feelings, share their experiences, and pay tribute to their fallen comrades-in-arms, in a supportive environment of fellow Veterans and concerned counselors.

Operation Freedom Bird was founded by America West Captain Pat Lynch, a decorated Vietnam Veteran, and named after the Freedom Bird flights that transported soldiers back to the United States after their tour of duty in a war zone. Pat's original vision was to reach out to fellow Nam Veterans and visit the Wall on Veterans Day. Through sharing the experiences and confronting their feelings with other combat vets, these warriors can pay tribute to their fallen comrades and seek closure to their own emotional war wounds in a safe and caring environment.

Operation Freedom Bird, Inc.

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